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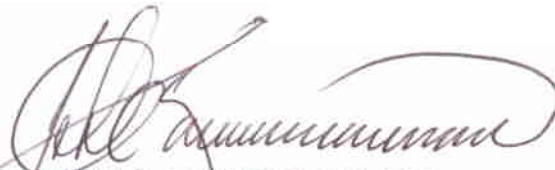
26 March 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Louisville District

SUBJECT: Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Approval of the Peer Review Plan for the Metropolitan Louisville-Southwest Louisville Feasibility Study

1. The Peer Review Plan for the Metropolitan Louisville-Southwest Louisville Feasibility Study (attachment 1) has been presented to the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division for approval in accordance with memorandum from Major General Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works, and subject titled "Peer Review Process" dated 30 March 2007.
2. The currently authorized Southwest Louisville Project is a feasibility study of alternatives to reduce the risk of flood damage with the project area. The project area consists of the south and west portion of the Metro Louisville (Kentucky) urban core (the former "City of Louisville" city limits). The study is being managed and conducted primarily by the Louisville District, Corps of Engineers, with input from the cost-sharing Sponsor, the Louisville-Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) and technical assistance from various hired consultants.
3. The purpose of a peer review plan is to assign the appropriate level and review independence, establish the procedures, and assign responsibilities for conducting the Independent Technical Review (ITR) and External Peer Review (EPR). This peer review plan is compliant with the requirements of the Corps Peer Review Process, which is documented in EC1105-2-408, dated 31 May 2005, and has been recommended by the National Planning Center of Expertise for Flood Risk Management (FRM-PCX). The recommendation from the FRM-PCX is provided as attachment 2.
4. Policy compliance and quality management verification for the Metropolitan Louisville-Southwest Louisville Peer Review Plan have been completed. Division staff has confirmed the Peer Review Plan has been formulated in accordance with current policy and concurs with the recommendations provided by the FRM-PCX for an integrated review process including independent technical review (ITR) because 1) no influential scientific information will be produced by the study and 2) the risk was assessed as low.

5. The District is requested to post the Peer Review Plan to its web site and provide a link to the FRM-PCX. Prior to posting, the names of individuals in the PRP and the page indicating "Concurrence" should be removed.
6. The Peer Review Plan for the Metropolitan Louisville-Southwest Louisville Feasibility Study is approved by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, Chief of Planning and Policy Division. Point of Contact for this effort is Dr. Hank Jarboe (513) 684-6050 (CELRD-PDS-P).



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